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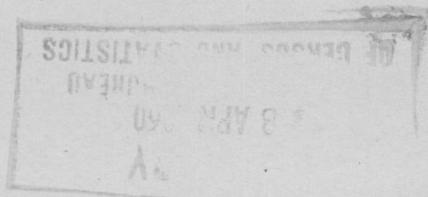
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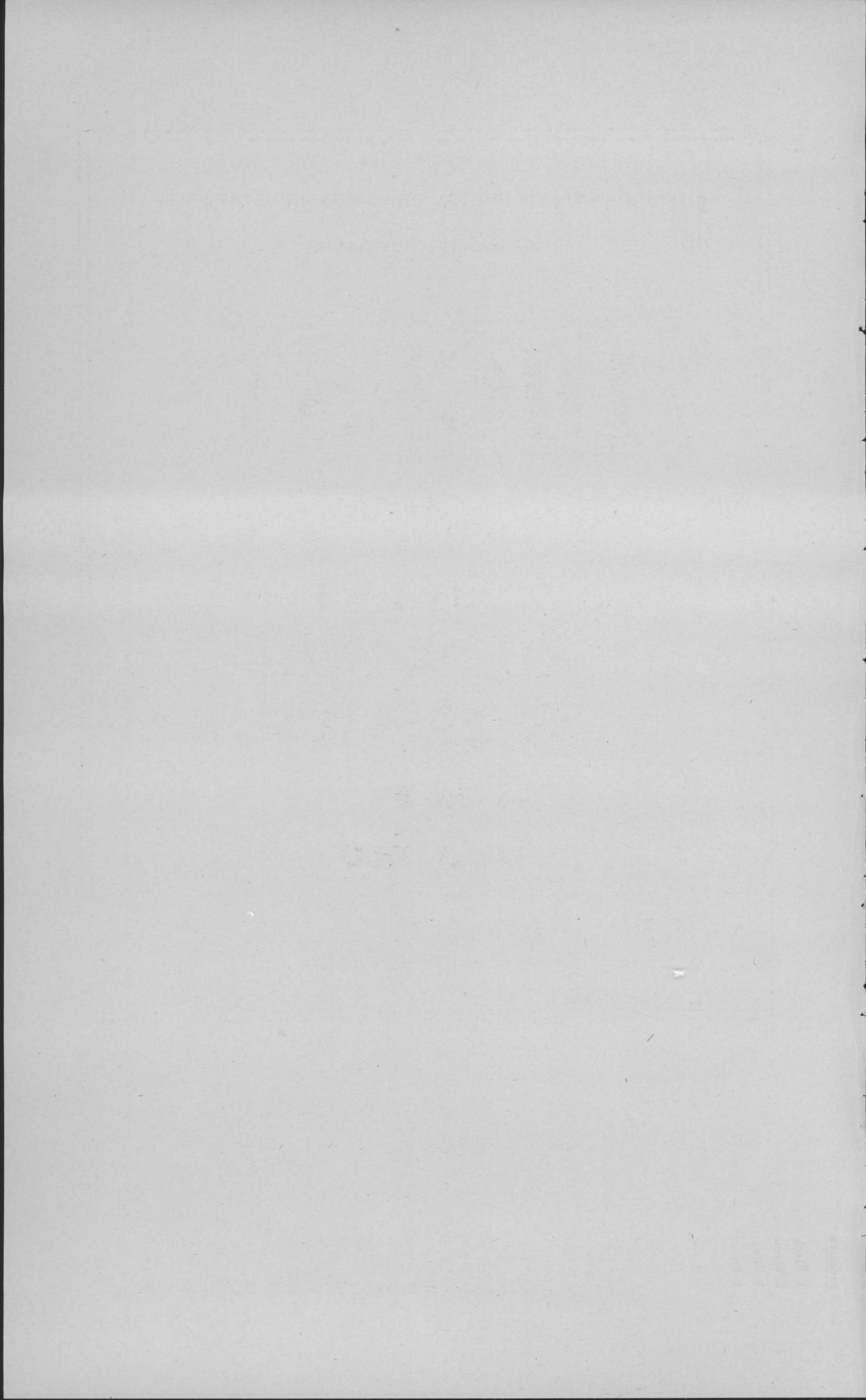
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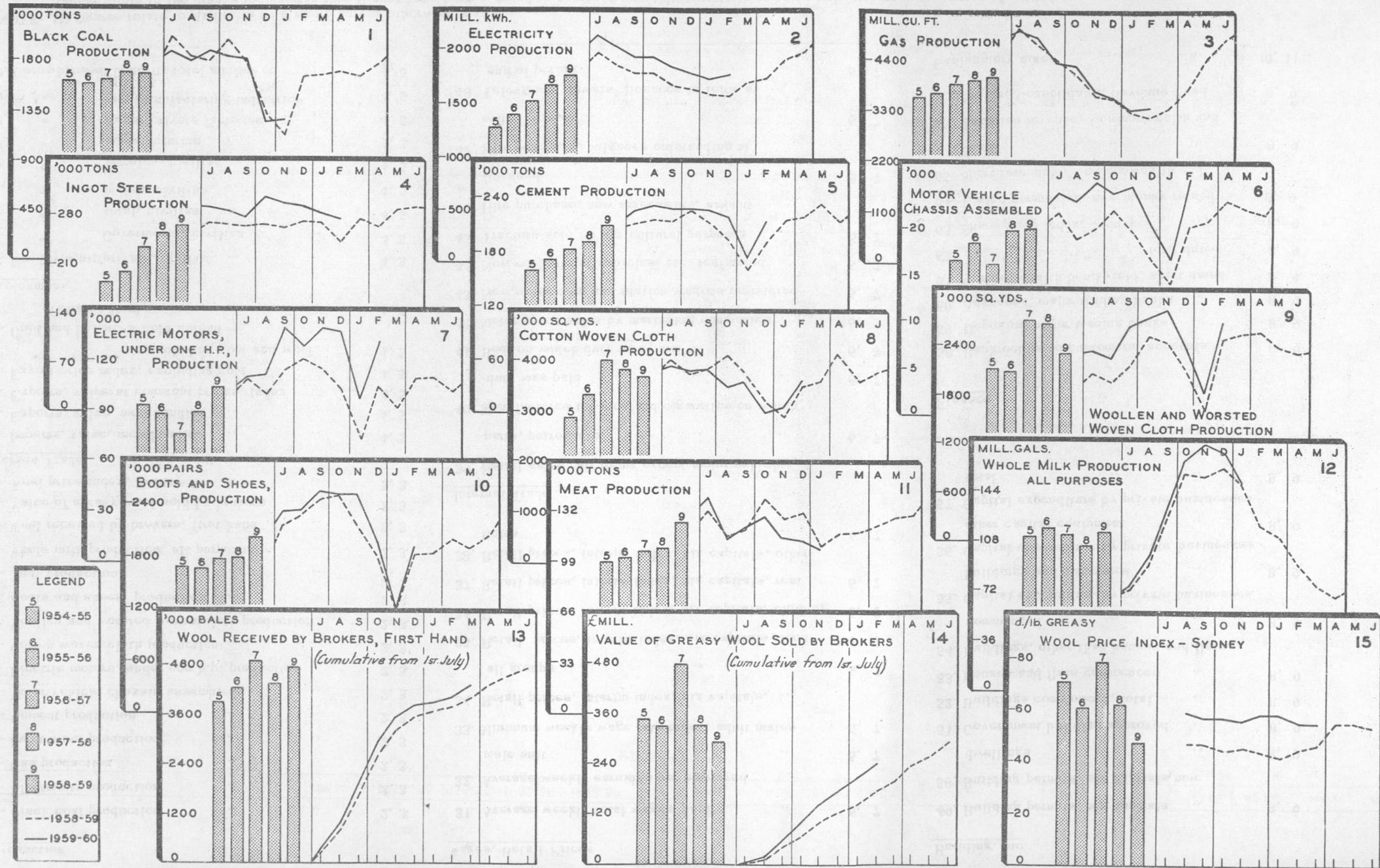
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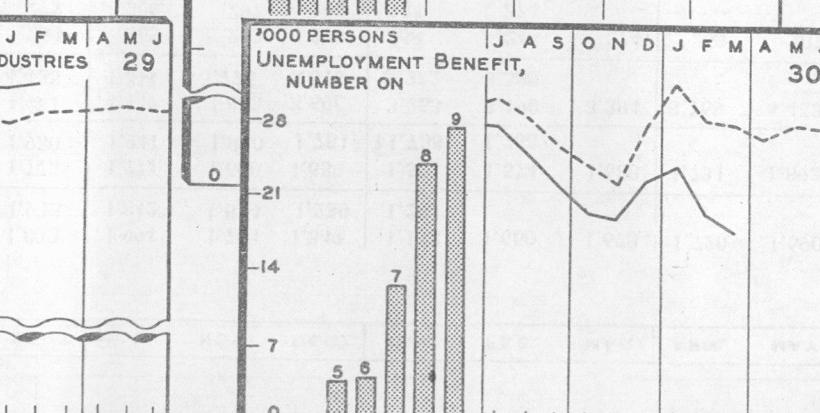
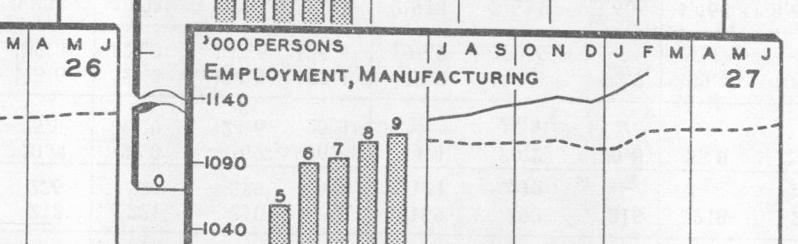
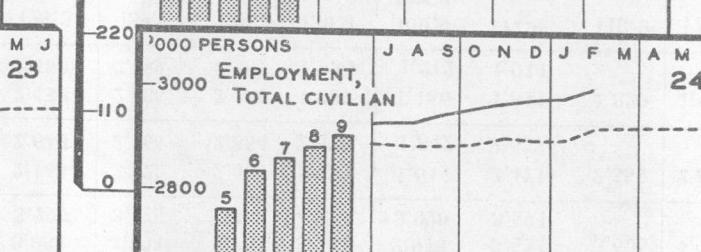
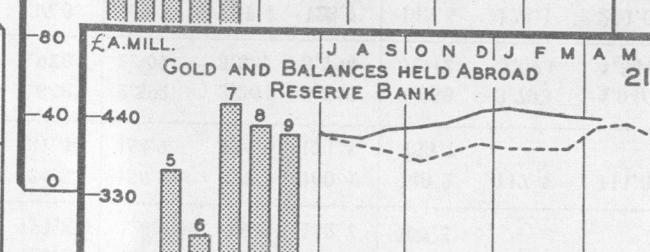
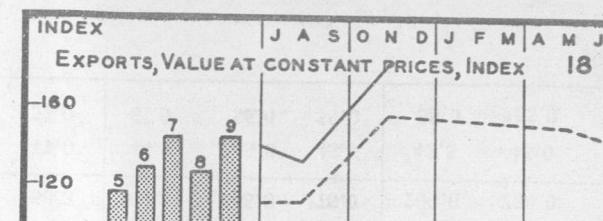
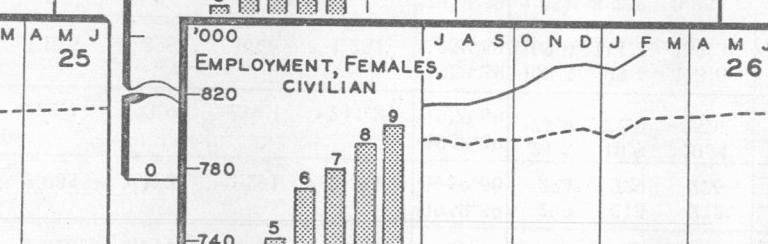
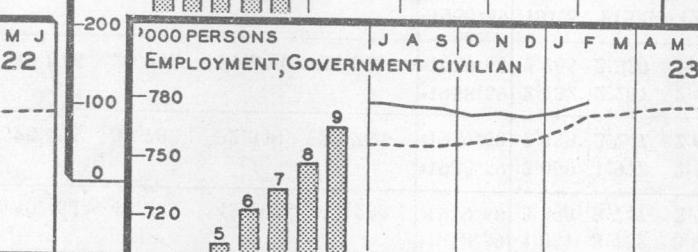
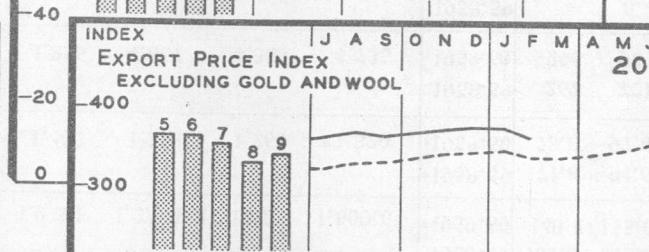
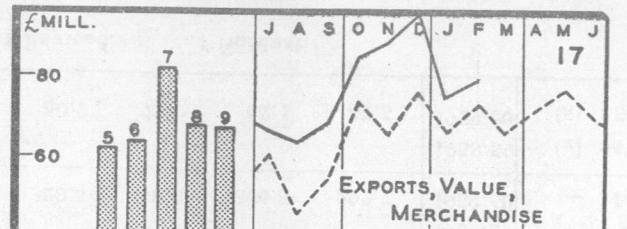
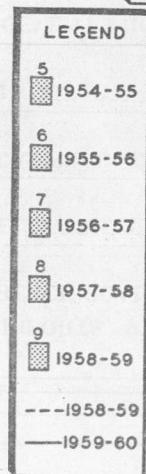
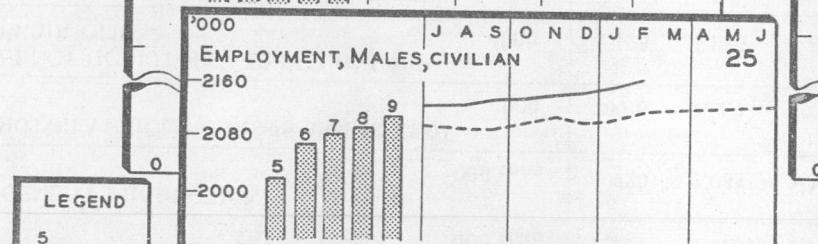
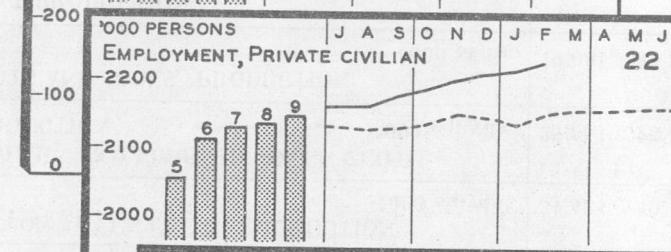
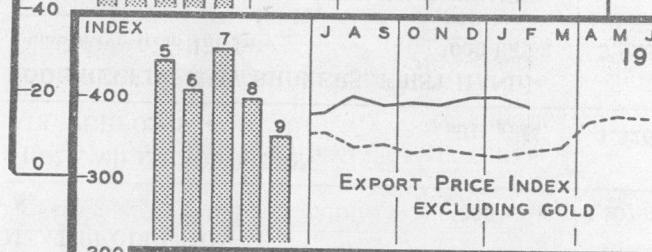
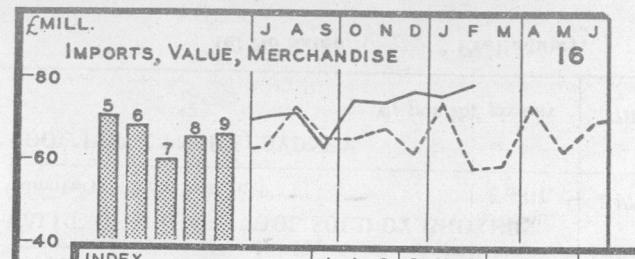
	1954-55	1955-56	1956-57	1957-58	1958-59		JULY	AUG.	SEPT.	OCT.	NOV.	DEC.	JAN.	FEB.	MAR.	APR.	MAY	JUNE	
PRODUCTION																			
1. BLACK COAL PRODUCTION '000 tons	19,352	19,033	19,711	*20,362	* 20,441		*1958-59 *1959-60	2,017 1,909	1,837 1,812	1,803 1,913	1,904 1,842	1,764 1,814	1,349 1,250	1,133 1,281	1,660 1,281	1,673 1,720	1,720 1,690	1,690 1,801	
2. ELECTRICITY PRODUCTION mill. kWh.	15,172	16,675	18,289	19,796	*21,135		*1958-59 *1959-60	1,968 2,121	1,852 2,032	1,775 1,930	1,774 1,941	1,660 1,840	1,630 1,781	1,591 1,735	1,574 1,763	1,688 1,731	1,731 1,693	1,731 1,991	
3. GAS PRODUCTION mill. cub. ft.	43,465	44,578	46,653	47,655	*48,655		*1958-59 *1959-60	5,131 5,108	4,774 4,919	4,431 4,433	4,147 4,344	3,663 3,776	3,596 3,615	3,253 3,272	3,190 3,388	3,384 3,769	3,769 4,453	3,769 4,864	
4. INGOT STEEL PRODUCTION '000 tons	2,209	2,320	2,774	3,038	* 3,195		*1958-59 *1959-60	271 291	267 285	264 277	265 306	263 297	270 295	268 284	244 274	274 274	265 287	287 292	
5. CEMENT PRODUCTION '000 tons	1,920	2,035	2,173	2,291	* 2,491		*1958-59 *1959-60	209 223	215 229	213 226	224 226	210 225	193 218	159 171	190 212	215 212	218 232	232 213	
6. MOTOR VEHICLE CHASSIS ASSEMBLED '000	200.6	222.1	193.9	239.1	*241.3		*1958-59 *1959-60	21.5 23.9	18.9 22.9	20.1 25.0	22.0 24.0	19.7 24.6	16.8 20.5	14.4 16.7	20.2 25.3	20.8 25.3	23.0 23.0	22.3 21.6	
7. ELECTRIC MOTORS, UNDER ONE H.P., PRODUCTION '000	1,123	1,055	898	1066	* 1,251		*1958-59 *1959-60	108.5 109.0	99.4 111.3	113.6 139.3	120.5 126.9	114.5 137.6	103.4 136.4	73.3 96.9	104.0 130.6	92.7 109.3	109.3 109.7	109.3 102.2	
8. COTTON WOVEN CLOTH PRODUCTION '000 sq-yds	34,424	40,151	48,225	45,797	*44,280		*1958-59 *1959-60	4,031 3,898	3,732 3,747	3,832 3,797	4,094 3,475	3,787 3,604	3,201 †2,993	2,910 †3,090	3,511 3,591	3,606 3,606	4,168 4,168	3,606 3,802	
9. WOOLLEN AND WORSTED WOVEN CLOTH PRODUCTION '000 sq. yds	25,661	25,255	32,782	32,119	*27,245		*1958-59 *1959-60	2,069 2,338	1,973 2,247	2,163 2,645	2,522 2,766	2,451 2,854	2,120 2,373	1,614 1,842	2,471 2,677	2,559 2,559	2,580 2,580	2,389 2,389	2,334 2,334
10. BOOTS AND SHOES, PRODUCTION '000 pairs	19,881	19,816	20,938	21,388	*24,024		*1958-59 *1959-60	2,152 2,266	2,267 2,339	2,433 2,558	2,486 2,489	2,136 2,487	1,807 1,954	1,166 1,212	1,811 1,911	1,820 1,820	1,988 1,988	1,902 2,056	
11. MEAT PRODUCTION '000 tons	1,207.5	1,225.1	1,270.1	1,314.5	1,500.6		*1958-59 *1959-60	131.5 140.5	115.8 115.0	120.3 121.6	139.9 128.7	135.3 116.2	130.8 112.7	109.9 107.5	117.4 117.4	118.2 118.2	123.4 123.4	128.5 130.0	
12. WHOLE MILK PRODUCTION, ALL PURPOSES - mill.gals.	1,326	1,402	1,358	1,264	* 1,370		*1958-59 *1959-60	71.8 73.8	91.6 97.6	124.5 131.4	156.5 164.9	154.4 176.9	160.4 171.4	148.2 150.7	117.4 117.4	111.3 111.3	91.3 91.3	75.2 67.1	
13. WOOL RECEIVED BY BROKERS, FIRST HAND. Cumulative from 1st July '000 bales	3,926	4,256	4,867	4,353	4,735		*1958-59 *1959-60	262 296	771 951	1,648 1,978	2,592 2,909	3,261 3,527	3,540 3,794	3,655 3,912	3,793 4,074	4,046 4,341	4,324 4,324	4,561 4,735	
14. VALUE OF GREASY WOOL SOLD BY BROKERS Cumulative from 1st July £ mill.	347.0	329.4	478.0	334.8	292.7		*1958-59 *1959-60	- -	8.2 14.4	36.0 58.3	69.3 101.3	101.4 145.8	123.7 178.0	145.4 209.8	178.1 250.0	201.0 201.0	235.5 235.5	262.5 292.7	
15. WOOL PRICE INDEX, SYDNEY d. per lb. greasy	70.1	60.7	77.9	62.1	47.5		*1958-59 *1959-60	(a) (a)	‡47.0 ‡59.0	47.0 57.0	44.5 57.0	45.0 56.0	43.5 58.0	42.5 58.0	45.0 *55.0	46.0 *55.0	55.0 55.0	55.0 53.0	

(a) No sales.

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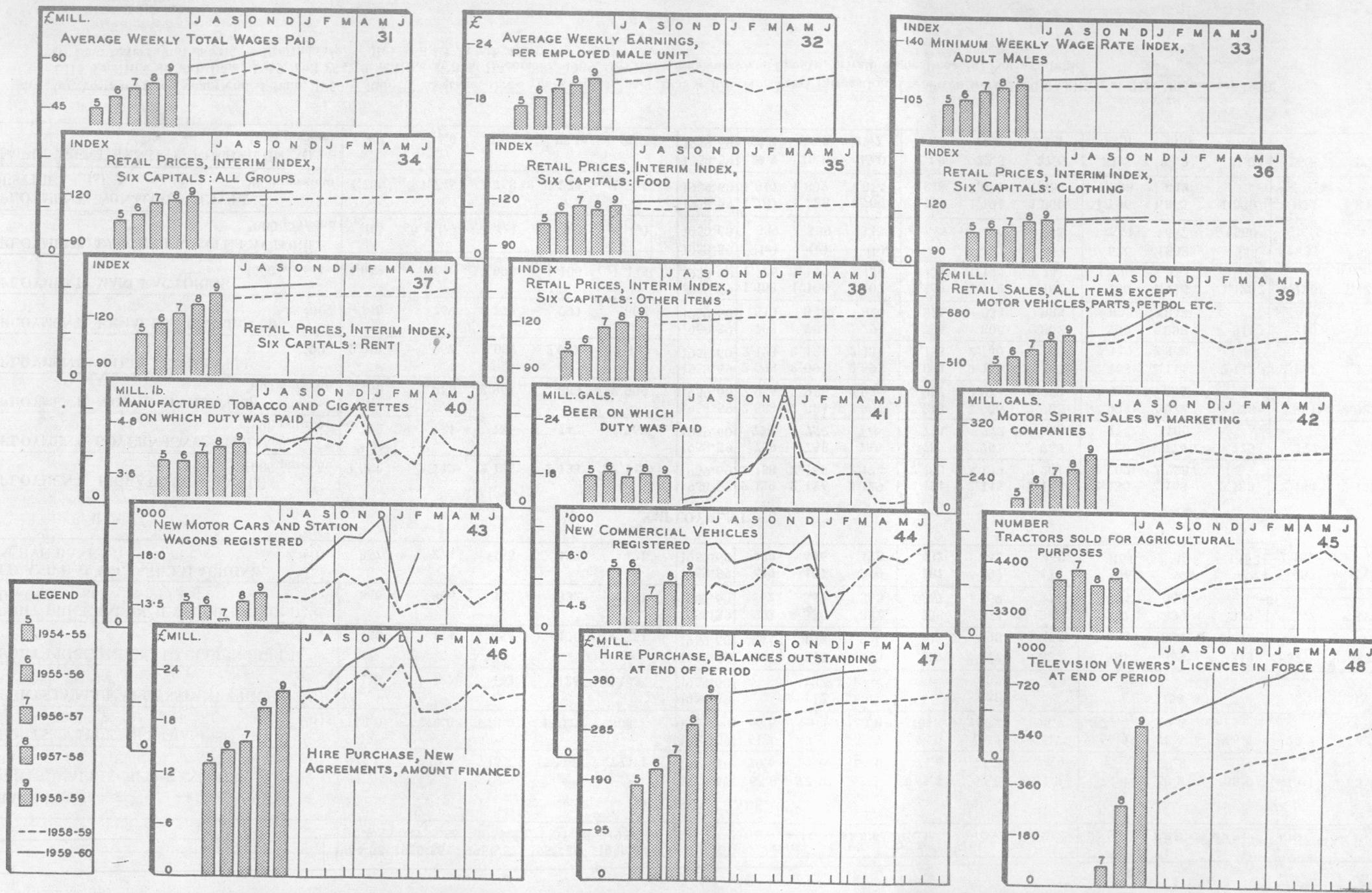
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OVERSEA TRADE																			
16. IMPORTS, VALUE, MERCHANDISE £ mill.	841.0	818.3	716.7	789.3	794.4		1958-59	63.8	72.9	65.5	65.5	67.5	61.9	74.4	58.5	58.9	73.1	63.1	69.3
							1959-60	70.6	71.0	64.0	74.5	74.2	75.9	75.3	78.3				
17. EXPORTS, VALUE, MERCHANDISE £ mill.	758.0	770.8	973.0	810.3	806.7		1958-59	61.4	47.2	55.7	74.0	66.2	75.7	66.9	73.6	66.4	72.2	76.7	70.7
							1959-60	66.5	†64.1	†68.8	†84.6	†87.7	96.9	74.3	79.5				
18. EXPORTS, VALUE AT CONSTANT PRICES, Index (a)	115	127	143	126	*143		1958-59		112			158			153			150	
							1959-60		132			182							
19. EXPORT PRICE INDEX, EXCLUDING GOLD (b)	450	414	464	400	351		1958-59	361	342	343	337	342	337	334	339	343	*377	*381	*378
							1959-60	384	406	396	398	395	405	405	388				
20. EXPORT PRICE INDEX, EXCLUDING GOLD AND WOOL (b)	366	366	353	332	341		1958-59	323	330	332	338	344	346	347	339	339	*342	*349	*357
							1959-60	362	369	363	367	369	374	374	363				
21. GOLD AND BALANCES HELD ABROAD, RESERVE BANK(c)	£ mill.	367	274	465	432	421	1958-59	419	407	399	387	397	411	406	406	406	437	442	421
							1959-60	420	416	428	432	442	460	461	454	†452	†451		
EMPLOYMENT																			
22. EMPLOYMENT, PRIVATE, CIVILIAN (d) '000 persons	2,052	2,112	2,125	2,133	2,142		1958-59	2,129	2,126	2,129	2,134	2,145	2,143	2,136	2,148	2,153	2,154	2,155	2,156
							1959-60	2,158	2,159	2,174	2,183	2,199	2,204	2,207	*2,223				
23. EMPLOYMENT, GOVERNMENT, CIVILIAN '000 persons	706	724	736	747	767		1958-59	759	758	758	759	761	760	766	774	775	777	778	778
							1959-60	778	777	776	774	775	774	775	*780				
24. EMPLOYMENT, TOTAL CIVILIAN (d) '000 persons	2,758	2,836	2,861	2,880	2,909		1958-59	2,888	2,884	2,887	2,893	2,906	2,903	2,902	2,922	2,928	2,931	2,933	2,934
							1959-60	2,936	2,936	2,950	2,957	2,974	2,978	2,982	*3,003				
25. EMPLOYMENT, MALES, CIVILIAN (d) '000	2,018	2,067	2,082	2,089	2,107		1958-59	2,095	2,091	2,093	2,098	2,106	2,101	2,103	2,114	2,117	2,121	2,122	2,123
							1959-60	2,123	2,123	2,130	2,133	2,140	2,143	2,149	*2,160				
26. EMPLOYMENT, FEMALES, CIVILIAN (d) '000	740	769	779	791	802		1958-59	793	793	794	795	800	802	799	808	811	810	811	811
							1959-60	813	813	820	824	834	835	833	*843				
27. EMPLOYMENT, MANUFACTURING '000 persons	1,058	1,090	1,093	1,106	1,113		1958-59	1,108	1,106	1,107	1,109	1,112	1,103	1,106	1,116	1,120	1,120	1,121	1,124
							1959-60	1,126	1,129	1,136	1,139	1,143	1,141	1,149	*1,161				
28. EMPLOYMENT, LARGER PRIVATE FACTORIES '000 persons	(e)	(e)	(e)	(e)	(e)		1958-59	(e)	(e)	(e)	(e)	(e)	(e)	526	†533	†535	†535	†535	
							1959-60	539	539	543	545	546	545	551	†557	*560			
29. EMPLOYMENT, NON-MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES (d) '000 persons	1,700	1,746	1,768	1,774	1,796		1958-59	1,780	1,778	1,780	1,784	1,794	1,800	1,796	1,806	1,808	1,811	1,812	1,810
							1959-60	1,810	1,807	1,814	1,818	1,831	1,837	1,833	*1,842				
30. UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFIT, NUMBER ON (f) '000 persons	3.7	4.0	12.7	23.9	27.3		1958-59	29.9	28.3	26.0	24.0	22.3	27.6	31.5	28.2	27.7	26.8	27.9	27.5
							1959-60	27.4	24.8	22.2	19.6	19.0	22.5	23.8	20.0	18.0			

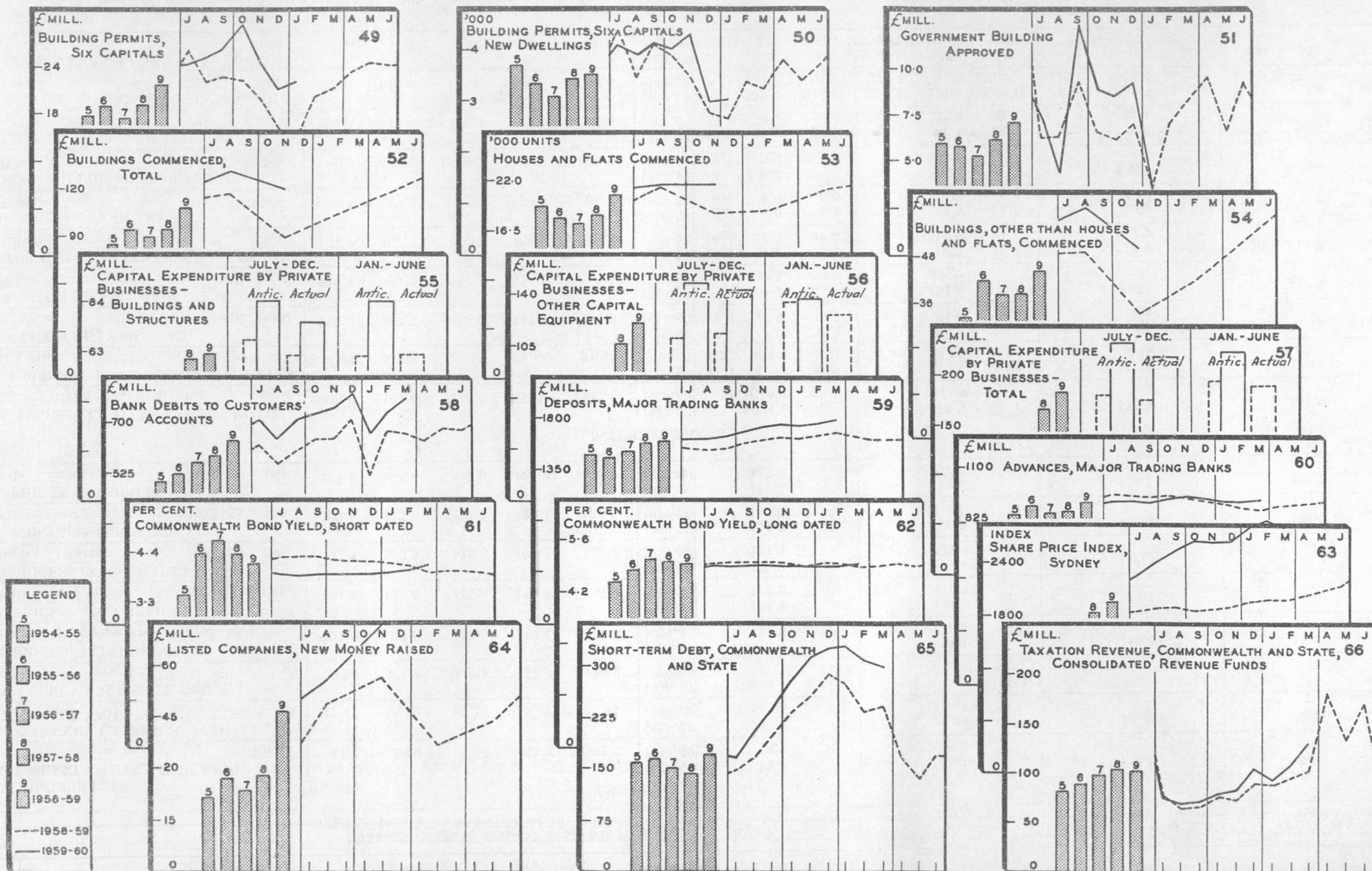
(a) Average, three years ended June, 1950 = 100. (b) Average, three years ended June, 1939 = 100. (c) Total international reserves were £500.0 million at 31st December, 1958, £516.4 million at 30th June, 1959, and £547.2 million at 31st December, 1959. (d) Excluding rural and female, private domestics. (e) Not available.

(f) Last Saturday of month. \* Preliminary. † Revised. ‡ At 6th April



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WAGES, RETAIL PRICES																		
31. AVERAGE WEEKLY TOTAL WAGES PAID £ mill.	44.7	48.9	51.6	53.3	55.7	1958-59 1959-60	54.9 58.9			58.4 62.5			52.6			56.8		
32. AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS, PER EMPLOYED MALE UNIT £	17.13	18.28	19.16	19.67	20.31	1958-59 1959-60	20.16 21.30			21.35 22.42			19.14			20.57		
33. MINIMUM WEEKLY WAGE RATE INDEX, ADULT MALES (a)	101.7	105.8	110.8	112.8	115.2	1958-59 1959-60	114.2 118.3			114.3 *121.6			114.6			117.6		
34. RETAIL PRICES, INTERIM INDEX. Six capitals: All Groups (b) 1952-53 = 100	103.6	108.0	114.3	115.6	118.5	1958-59 1959-60	116.9 120.5			118.3 121.5			119.0			119.7		
35. RETAIL PRICES, INTERIM INDEX. Six capitals : Food (b) 1952-53 = 100	104.6	110.6	115.8	113.7	115.9	1958-59 1959-60	114.2 118.5			115.1 118.9			116.7			117.6		
36. RETAIL PRICES, INTERIM INDEX, Six capitals : Clothing 1952-53 = 100	102.4	103.3	105.8	109.2	110.4	1958-59 1959-60	110.3 111.1			110.5 112.4			110.3			110.7		
37. RETAIL PRICES, INTERIM INDEX, Six capitals : Rent 1952-53 = 100	109.6	115.5	122.5	128.4	136.5	1958-59 1959-60	134.2 140.6			136.0 142.8			137.4			138.6		
38. RETAIL PRICES, INTERIM INDEX, Six capitals : Other items 1952-53 = 100	101.4	106.4	117.8	120.2	123.9	1958-59 1959-60	121.4 125.8			124.5 126.9			124.7			125.2		
INTERNAL TRADE																		
39. RETAIL SALES, ALL ITEMS EXCEPT MOTOR VEHICLES, PARTS, PETROL, etc. £ mill.	2008.9	2151.4	2250.0	2343.9	†2443.5	1958-59 1959-60	†584.8 †619.9			673.3 †717.9			576.4			†609.0		
40. MANUFACTURED TOBACCO AND CIGARETTES ON WHICH DUTY WAS PAID mill. lb.	46.74	46.83	49.29	50.66	51.55	1958-59 1959-60	4.21 4.52	4.20 4.34	4.39 4.41	4.43 4.79	4.32 4.73	5.03 5.34	3.95 †4.34	4.19 4.46	3.89	4.62	4.19	4.13
41. BEER ON WHICH DUTY WAS PAID mill. gals.	213.2	217.1	210.6	215.7	214.8	1958-59 1959-60	14.6 15.4	15.0 15.5	16.8 17.9	19.1 18.2	20.5 21.0	25.8 27.6	18.7 19.9	17.7 18.8	18.3	18.3	15.0	15.0
42. MOTOR SPIRIT SALES BY MARKETING COMPANIES mill. gals.	839.1	909.3	959.4	1018.7	1097.0	1958-59 1959-60	260.7 281.5			282.5 305.7			274.3			279.5		
43. NEW MOTOR CARS AND STATION WAGONS REGISTERED '000	163.0	161.7	147.3	166.2	176.3	1958-59 1959-60	14.3 16.4	14.2 16.5	15.2 18.2	16.5 20.0	15.5 19.8	16.1 21.6	12.9 14.1	13.6 18.2	13.8	15.5	13.8	14.9
44. NEW COMMERCIAL VEHICLES ETC. REGISTERED '000	67.0	67.5	58.0	61.8	66.3	1958-59 1959-60	5.2 6.4	5.0 5.8	5.2 6.0	5.8 6.3	5.6 6.1	5.8 6.6	4.9 4.1	5.0 5.0	5.5	6.1	5.9	6.3
45. TRACTORS SOLD FOR AGRICULTURAL PURPOSES No.	(c)	16,283	16,982	15,726	16,342	1958-59 1959-60	3,502 3,783			3,975 4,379			4,097			4,768		
46. HIRE PURCHASE, NEW AGREEMENTS, AMOUNT FINANCED £ mill.	156.0	175.4	188.8	235.4	259.6	1958-59 1959-60	21.2 21.9	20.1 22.2	22.3 24.9	24.1 26.6	22.5 27.3	25.0 29.5	19.5 *22.8	19.6 *23.1	20.4	22.6	20.8	21.5
47. HIRE PURCHASE, BALANCES OUTSTANDING at end of period £ mill.	182.8	212.9	236.4	296.6	354.5	1958-59 1959-60	301.4 357.9	306.4 362.3	313.6 368.8	321.2 377.7	329.0 387.6	338.1 409.1	340.9 *403.2	342.3 *404.4	344.3	348.7	352.0	354.5
48. TELEVISION VIEWERS' LICENCES IN FORCE at end of period '000	-	-	74	291	578	1958-59 1959-60	328 599	358 627	390 654	415 682	433 711	455 738	468 761	484 791	506	530	555	578

(a) Weighted average weekly wage rate, 1954 = 100. Excludes rural. (b) Includes potatoes and onions. For index excluding potatoes and onions, see Monthly Review of Business Statistics, p. 27. (c) Not available. \*Preliminary. †Revised..



	1954-55 1955-56 1956-57 1957-58 1958-59						JULY AUG. SEPT.			OCT. NOV. DEC.	JAN.	FEB.	MAR.	APR.	MAY	JUNE			
BUILDING, ETC.																			
49. BUILDING PERMITS, Six capitals £ mill.	214.7	226.6	208.8	229.9	259.9		1958-59	26.1	22.3	22.9	22.2	20.0	16.5	16.0	20.2	21.4	23.5	24.6	24.2
							1959-60	24.3	25.2	26.2	29.3	24.5	21.3	21.9					
50. BUILDING PERMITS, NEW DWELLINGS Six capitals '000 units	44.1	40.3	37.4	41.4	42.5		1958-59	4.4	3.5	4.1	3.9	3.5	2.8	2.7	3.4	3.3	3.8	3.4	3.7
							1959-60	4.1	3.9	4.1	4.0	4.3	3.0	3.2					
51. GOVERNMENT BUILDING APPROVED £ mill.	71.5	70.1	62.4	74.0	85.3		1958-59	6.2	6.3	9.2	6.5	6.1	7.0	3.5	7.0	8.3	9.4	6.7	9.1
							1959-60	7.2	4.4	12.3	8.9	8.5	9.1	3.8					
52. BUILDINGS COMMENCED, TOTAL £ mill.	339.9	376.8	359.0	380.8	431.9		1958-59	117.1			90.3			105.1			119.4		
							1959-60	130.3			119.0								
53. HOUSES AND FLATS COMMENCED '000 units	77.2	72.6	69.5	73.3	81.7		1958-59	21.6			18.8			20.3			21.0		
							1959-60	21.9			21.9								
54. BUILDINGS, OTHER THAN HOUSES AND FLATS, COMMENCED £ mill.	126.8	164.7	149.5	151.7	177.1		1958-59	49.1			33.2			41.4			53.4		
							1959-60	61.2			50.3								
55. CAPITAL EXPENDITURE, PRIVATE BUSINESSES Buildings and structures £ mill.	(a)	(a)	(a)	119.6	123.5		1958-59	(↑67.6 anticipated)			↑61.1 actual			(↑61.6 anticipated)			↑61.9 actual		
							1959-60	(↑84.5 " )			74.5 "			( 84.7 " )					
56. CAPITAL EXPENDITURE, PRIVATE BUSINESSES Other capital equipment £ mill.	(a)	(a)	(a)	214.2	241.9		1958-59	(↑113.9 anticipated)			↑114.8 actual			(↑135.7 anticipated)			↑127.5 actual		
							1959-60	(↑148.6 " )			142.9 "			( 137.8 " )					
57. CAPITAL EXPENDITURE, PRIVATE BUSINESSES Total £ mill.	(a)	(a)	(a)	333.8	365.4		1958-59	(↑181.5 anticipated)			↑175.9 actual			(↑197.3 anticipated)			↑189.4 actual		
							1959-60	(↑233.1 " )			217.4 "			( 222.5 " )					
FINANCE																			
58. BANK DEBITS TO CUSTOMERS' ACCOUNTS (b) £ mill.	492	521	563	592	637		1958-59	623	559	598	641	645	707	525	673	664	640	679	678
							1959-60	705	648	713	736	747	807	659	739	784			
59. DEPOSITS, MAJOR TRADING BANKS £ mill.	1,485	1,477	1,513	1,596	1,603		1958-59	1,548	1,539	1,546	1,580	1,604	1,626	1,623	1,645	1,662	1,648	1,612	1,612
							1959-60	1,611	1,614	1,647	1,677	1,711	1,741	1,735	1,766	1,784			
60. ADVANCES, MAJOR TRADING BANKS £ mill.	866	908	869	882	930		1958-59	964	960	949	952	947	932	920	899	886	905	915	916
							1959-60	936	934	930	945	949	942	934	930	935			
61. COMMONWEALTH BOND YIELD, SHORT DATED per cent.	3.49	4.39	4.71	4.38	4.16		1958-59	4.28	4.30	4.30	4.25	4.24	4.23	4.18	4.15	4.00	4.01	4.01	4.00
							1959-60	3.91	3.88	3.93	3.94	3.94	3.95	3.99	4.02	4.14			
62. COMMONWEALTH BOND YIELD, LONG DATED per cent.	4.50	4.76	5.06	4.99	4.94		1958-59	4.96	4.97	4.97	4.98	4.96	4.93	4.96	4.95	4.89	4.92	4.95	4.89
							1959-60	4.91	4.89	4.90	4.90	4.89	4.93	4.92	4.92	4.94			
63. SHARE PRICE INDEX, SYDNEY (c)	1,626	1,726	1,707	1,836	1,966		1958-59	1,861	1,900	1,914	1,868	1,883	1,914	1,967	1,998	1,984	2,045	2,102	2,156
							1959-60	2,271	2,440	2,560	2,668	2,639	2,643	2,813	2,687	2,825			
64. LISTED COMPANIES, NEW MONEY RAISED £ mill.	87.2	109.2	95.4	113.9	190.0		1958-59	49.0			57.1			37.6			46.3		
							1959-60	57.0			*73.7								
65. SHORT-TERM DEBT, COMMONWEALTH AND STATE (d) £ mill.	160	165	150	140	171		1958-59	145	166	198	231	257	287	273	234	243	167	136	171
							1959-60	169	201	239	280	313	325	326	311	301			
66. TAXATION REVENUE, COMMONWEALTH AND STATE, Consolidated Revenue Funds £ mill.	996	1,070	1,180	1,250	1,225		1958-59	78.2	65.9	66.9	75.3	74.7	89.6	87.8	95.1	101.4	180.9	136.1	172.6
							1959-60	76.9	69.7	70.3	77.5	83.6	104.1	94.4	110.8	*131.7			

(a) See notes, page 10. (b) Excludes debits to Australian Government accounts at City Branches. (c) Average, three years ended June, 1939 = 1000.  
(d) Redeemable in Australia. At end of period.

\*Preliminary.  
† Revised.

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**EXPLANATORY NOTES**

Item	For further reference see below, publication No.	Item	For further reference see below, publication No.
1.		17	
2. Total generated, including electricity not for sale.	..	17	
3. Total produced in gas works.	..	17	
4. Includes recovery from scrap. Annual figures year ended May.	..	17	
5. Portland cement.	..	23	
6. Excludes assembled chassis imported as such.	..	19	
7. Includes those made and incorporated by manufacturers in their own products.	18		
8. Includes mixtures predominantly of cotton.	..	20	
9. Includes mixtures predominantly of wool.	..	21	
10. Includes sandals and moulded plastic footwear but not slippers, sand shoes, goloshes or rubber gum boots.	..	22	
11. In terms of fresh meat (bone-in weight). Total production including estimates for meat produced from animals slaughtered on farms.	..	14	
12.	..	11	
13. Source: National Council of Wool Selling Brokers of Australia. Bales received into selling brokers' stores for disposal, excluding quantities received for re-sale.	-	-	
14. The value of wool sold, at auction and privately by wool selling brokers, including wool carried over and sold and also wool resold.	..	-	
15. Average price which a N.S.W. clip of constant average quality would realize if sold at the level of prices obtaining in the specified month. Annual prices are averages of monthly prices weighted by quantity of greasy wool sold in month in N.S.W. They are not therefore average auction prices for the year.	..	27	
16-17. Excludes bullion and specie. F.o.b. port of shipment.	..	16	
18. The index is calculated by revaluing quantities at the average unit values for the three years ended 30th June, 1950.	..	1	
19-20.	..	13	
21. Annual and June figures as at 30th June, other figures last Wednesday of month	..	9	
22-26. Excludes permanent defence forces in Australia or overseas and National Service Trainees in camp. Based on annual Factory Censuses, returns of Government employment, Pay-roll Tax returns and other direct collections.	..	12	
23. Includes all government employees in Australia (Commonwealth, State and Local) employed on services such as railways, post office, etc., as well as administrative employees.	..	12	
27. Figures for periods to June, 1958 are based on the results of annual Censuses of Factories. From July, 1958 the figures are preliminary estimates based on Pay-roll Tax returns.	..	12	
28. Survey conducted jointly with Department of Labour and National Service.	..	12	
29. See 22 above.	..	12	
		39. Figures relate to retail sales of goods (as distinct from services, repairs, accommodation, entertainment, meals, etc.) by establishments which normally sell goods by retail to the general public from shops, rooms, kiosks and yards.	7
		40-41. Figures include customs clearances as well as local production on which excise duty was paid.	-
		42. Includes also sales by refineries direct to consumers.	-
		Source: Department of National Development.	..
		43-44. Registrations passed through central registration authorities. Includes all government-owned vehicles other than Defence Services.	24.25
		45. Excludes tractors of less than 10 maximum belt pulley horsepower (wheeled) and 10 maximum draw-bar horsepower (crawler) e.g. small garden tractors.	8
		46-47. Figures relate to agreements, in respect of retail sales, made by finance businesses which are not themselves retailers. Outstanding balances include hiring charges and insurance.	..
		48.	..
		49-50. Building permits granted by local government authorities. Excludes government buildings, except those erected under government home-building schemes where permits are obtained from local government authorities.	15
		51. Contracts let or day-labour work commenced. Excludes government buildings erected under government home-building schemes where permits are obtained from local government authorities.	15
		52. Estimated value of buildings on completion, excluding land.	3
		53. Excludes conversions to flats.	..
		54. See 52 above.	..
		55-57. Statistics are from returns showing actual expenditure for previous half-year and anticipated expenditure for next half-year, obtained from private businesses subject to Pay-roll Tax (other than rural, professional, gas and electricity), from government banks and airlines, and from other businesses undertaking projects of more than £250,000 in any half-year. Figures with slightly different coverage are available for years 1953-54 to 1956-57 inclusive.	2
		58. Monthly averages of weekly figures. Debits to government accounts at city branches are excluded. Figures relate to all cheque-paying banks, the Commonwealth Development Bank and the Rural Credits Department of the Reserve Bank	9
		59-60. Monthly and annual averages of weekly figures of the Commonwealth Trading Bank and the seven private trading banks.	9,10

30. Excludes persons receiving sickness benefit and persons receiving the special benefits paid to migrants in reception and training centres. ..	12	61-62. Short-dated, estimated for 2-year securities from rates on securities maturing in 0-5 years; long-dated, 10 or more years. Figures relate to last Wednesday in the month. Source: Reserve Bank. ..	15
31. Derived from employment and wages recorded on Pay-roll Tax returns, other direct monthly collections and from estimates of the unrecorded balance. Pay of members of the armed forces is not included. ..	12	63. Average of monthly prices per £ of paid-up capital, 75 companies, adjusted for changes in capital structure. As published by Deputy Commonwealth Statistician, Sydney. ..	15.27
32. Male units represent total male employment and a proportion of female employment based on the approximate ratio of female to male earnings. ..	12	64. Companies listed on Australian stock exchanges. New money raised is the net amount of cash transferred from the investing public to the issuing companies. The investing public includes banks and life insurance companies (except when subscribing to issues by associated companies) and government and private superannuation funds, but excludes other government agencies. ..	6
33. Based on averages of wage rates for a full week's work (excluding overtime) obtained from awards, determinations and industrial agreements. The base of each index number is the weighted average weekly wage for Australia. ..	12.15.28	65. Excludes overdrafts and internal Treasury Bills. ..	15
34-38. For detailed information about the weighting pattern and coverage of the Interim Index, see Chapter I of Labour Report No. 46. ..	5	66. Excludes taxation collections paid direct to Trust Funds, e.g. motor taxes. ..	-

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